

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1: (Currently Amended) An effervescent granule for use in particulate detergent compositions which comprises an acid source, a carbonate source and from 3 to 8 wt. % of solid surfactant particles of surfactant which in its isolated state is sufficiently solid such that it is pourable, the particles having d_{50} particle size of from 150 to 800 micrometres, wherein the granule is substantially free of alkyl benzene sulphonate surfactants.

Claim 2: (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surfactant has a melting point of at least 30°C, preferably at least 40°C, more preferably at least 50°C.

Claim 3: (Previously Presented) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surfactant is an anionic surfactant.

Claim 4: (Cancelled)

Claim 5: (Previously Presented) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surfactant is an alkyl sulphate surfactant.

Claim 6: (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 5, wherein the alkyl sulphate surfactant is a C₈-C₁₅ primary alkyl sulphate.

Claim 7 (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 6, wherein the alkyl sulphate surfactant is a C₁₀-C₁₄ primary alkyl sulphate.

Claim 8: (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, which comprises from 20 to 80 wt%, preferably from 30 to 60 wt%, more preferably from 40 to 50 wt% of the carbonate source.

Claim 9: (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, which comprises from 10 wt% to 60 wt%, preferably from 20 wt% to 50 wt%, more preferably from 30 wt% to 40 wt% of the acid source.

Claim 10: (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the carbonate and the acid source make up at from 50 to 100 wt%, preferably from 60 to 99 wt%, more preferably from 70 to 95 wt%, most preferably from 80 to 90 wt% of the granule.

Claim 11: (Cancelled)

Claim 12: (Cancelled)

Claim 13: (Cancelled)

Claim 14: (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of the particle size of the effervescent granule to the d₅₀ particle size of the surfactant is greater than 5:1, preferably from 6:1 to 1000:1.

Claim 15: (Previously Presented) A laundry detergent composition which comprises from 0.1 to less than 10 wt% of an effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1.

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Claim 16: (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 15, which comprises from 0.5 to less than 4 wt%, preferably from 0.5 to less than 2 wt%, of the effervescent granule.